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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4-7 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of ~~claims priority to~~ US Non Provisional USSN 09/689,486 filed October 12, 2000, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,855,806, which claims priority to ~~and to~~ US Provisionals USSN 60/159,805, filed October 15, 1999; USSN 60/159,992 filed October 18, 1999, USSN 60/160,952 filed October 22, 1999. The contents of these applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.